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This half-term our Values are Perseverance and Courage

5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**School vision: Nurturing children to become confident and successful learners for life.**

“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.” *(Psalm 31:24)*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it is Friday again already. We are lucky that the weather has been kind to us, the children have really enjoyed being able to get out onto the field and take part in rounders, cricket, netball and dodgeball to name just a few of the additional lunchtime activities children have enjoyed this week.

We are always updating our website, I just wanted to mention to you that if you go to <http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/home/welcome-from-the-head> you will see our Values and Ethos statement, if you click on the word 'courage' and the word 'perseverance' this will take you to the Home School Values sheets to support conversations at home about these values, we hope you find these useful.

As I mentioned in worship last Friday next week our wonderful Year 6 children will complete their SATs tests. Courage and perseverance will be essential. We are all really proud of our Year 6 children we know they will do their best and we all wish you well, you will all be super stars ☺

We welcomed Max to Class 1 last week and this week Alex has settled in really well into Class 3, it is great to have you at Coaley boys, we all look forward to getting to know you better ☺

I just wanted to update you about a few things. We are really lucky at Coaley to have regular teachers who cover PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time for teachers). On this note, I just wanted to re-iterate that on Thursday afternoons Mrs Coope covers Class 2 (Mrs Walton's PPA) and on Friday Mrs Coope covers Class 1 for Mrs Walker. Mrs Coope is well known to children and parents as she was providing some additional teaching support in Class 3 before Easter and has taught across school to cover any courses that teachers were on, so you can see consistency is very important to us. I am really pleased to say that Mrs Coope will be providing some additional targeted teaching support in Class 1 over the next few weeks.




**Parent Forum**

We had a very successful meeting last week and I was keen to share this with you, so there will be a regular section on the newsletter about what the Parent Forum have been working on.

Thank you to Fern Bywater (Parent Governor) for providing notes from this meeting and she spoke about the idea of setting up a more formal Parent Council or Forum. The group were very much in support of this idea. As it was agreed that this idea should be shaped by the parents it was suggested we hold another meeting to discuss it further. A date to be announced soon. If you would like to find out more information please see Parent Council Uk at <http://www.parentcouncils.co.uk/index.php>

We have an 'open door' policy and I appreciate that Mrs Walker is not in school on Friday, like all of the teachers they are happy to see you or make a mutually suitable time to talk with you. We also talked about havng an informal drop in session after school. If you could let the office know if you would like an informal conversation then we can get this arranged.

We also talked about our Teaching Assistant (TA's) as it was expressed that some parents are unsure of who is who. Originally TA's were class based. In Class 1 we have Miss Hunt and Mrs Sirrett. In class 2 we have Mrs Smith and Mrs James and Class 3 Mrs Sherratt. We are already moving towards more movement and flexibility with TA's so that they are not fixed within a class and will be providing support across school which will benefit even more children and enables all staff to get to know all the children.

We talked about after school clubs. I explained that we do not have Superstars anymore as we are looking at other ways of providing a variety of new clubs and experiences for our children. We will be looking into archery and the maths club again, a lack of numbers for these clubs meant that these could not be run by the provider. Viccy Paterson has kindly offered to write a survey which will be sent home in book bags so that we can work on the findings for September.

I would be keen to get some parent feedback on end of year reports, so if you have any thoughts please write them down and post them in the suggestions box in the foyer.

Calling all budding artists here is a message from Slimbridge WWT :

Hello Everybody,

Hope you had an enjoyable Easter? Here at WWT Slimbridge we are thinking ahead to our May Half term event 'Spring to Life' and would love pupils help to decorate a wall in the Visitor centre by creating some beautiful Spring inspired artwork for us to display through half term. All artwork submitted will be displayed in the Visitor centre and the winner in each Year group category will receive a free family pass to WWT Slimbridge and a goody bag!

Each piece of artwork should be no more than A4 size, artwork can feature a range of Spring inspiration or focus on just one thing from insects to flowers, from ducklings to baby rabbits, from goslings to buds on the trees. Any medium can be used including pencils, crayons, felt tips, chalk, charcoal etc. I have attached a document with some photos in to help inspire potential entrants.

On completion it would be great if each entry has the pupil's first name and year group written on the back of them along with a piece of school headed paper in with the entries so we know where to send any potential prizes to. We have set a deadline for receiving entries as Friday 19th May 2017 which will give us time to judge and create the display.

If you are interested could you please complete your art and bring it into the office before Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> May so that we can add on the headed paper.

**Weekly Class Attendance:**

Class 1: 96.4%  
Class 2: 96.6%  
Class 3: 95.7%

Well Done Class 2

**Eco Warrior Certificate:**



Class 1: Oscar Caldwell  
Class 2: Bea Smith  
Class 3: James Buffin

Well Done eco warriors "Take care of the earth and she will take care of you"  
~Author unknown.

**Values Certificates:**



Class 1: Molly Mann  
Class 2: Lucas Turner  
Class 3: Maddie Cross

**Golden Book Certificates:**



**Class 1:** Effort –Sammy Radford, Progress – Sam Carter, Behaviour – Scarlett Young  
**Class 2:** Effort – Alex Kinsella, Progress - Oscar Coggins, Behaviour – Evie Clayton  
**Class 3:** Effort – Alex Smith, Progress - Thomas Herridge, Behaviour – Jamie Cann

**After School Clubs for Terms 5 & 6**

**Monday –** Running Club / Art & Craft  
**Tuesday –** Choir Singing  
**Wednesday –** Athletics  
**Friday** French

**Class 1**

**Remember:** Please sign your child's reading record to show that you have listened to them read.

**News:**

Class 1 have been working really hard this week. We have been writing to persuade people to look after the living things in our word. We have also started exploring the book 'Sharing a Shell'. The children have produced story maps and in music this week the children have used percussion instruments to help them to re-tell the story. In Maths the children have been working on place value and telling the time.

**Home learning:**

Homework will be sent home on Monday and is due in on the following Monday.

**Class 2**

**Remember:** Please remember to practise spellings every day for Friday.

**News:**

Class two began their new topic this week, 'Revolutionary or Rotten Romans' with learning the story of Romulus and Remus. We began by getting to know the legend and then we put the story into short plays imagining what the characters would say to each other. Following this, the children rewrote the story using dialogue to extend the story further. Mrs Smith and I are truly flabbergasted by the concentration and the excellent writing as a result of all this work. In maths, we have been learning to find the perimeter and the area of shapes and then used this knowledge to solve real life problems in different contexts. Please take a look at our new class pages on our website for photos of these activities.

**Home learning:**

I am looking forward to seeing the children's first piece of topic work on Monday. The children will be set new homework on Tuesday to complete during the work. Please see me if you need a copy of our homework/topic letters.

